



HON. CHARLES W. ANDERSON,

The Eloquent New Yorker Who Acted as Toastmaster at the Recent Banquet of The Colored Republican Club of New York.

MANHATTANS GREETING.

The Young Men's Republican Association Extends Compliments to the "Boys in the Trenches"—Roosevelt, Woodruff, Lauterbach, Butler, and Anderson to the Front.

Special to The Colored American.

New York City. — The dinner tendered by the Colored Young Men's Republican Association of the Borough of Manhattan, to the colored republican workers on January 27, 1900 at the West Side Lyceum, was a magnificent success, being attended by seventy-five of the leading and most representative colored republicans of Gotham and about twenty or thirty prominent and distinguished white party leaders. The affair was managed with consummate skill by its promoters, and will be remembered for a long time by those who were present, as one of the most enjoyable and harmonious gatherings of colored citizen-voters ever held in New York. Much credit is due Mr. W. H. Butler, the president of the Colored Young Men's Republican Association, A. B. Roberts and Major R. Poole, vice president and treasurer respectively for the success which attended this affair. Each of these gentlemen worked like Trojans to make it what it was and succeeded admirably. The following menu was served by Cardali, one of New York's best known caterers:

Huitres.
Celeri, Olives, Radishes,
Potage, creme de celeri,
Poisson,
Cotolette de Homard sauce tartare,
Entrees.
Bouchee a la Reine,
Filet de Boeuf, sauce champignons,
Pommes duchess, Haricots vert,
Sorbet,
Punch a la McKinley, Rote,
Canard de Long Island,
(a la Gov. Roosevelt.)
Salad lettuce,
Biscuit Tortoni,

(a la Lieut. Gov. Woodruff.)
Gateaux Assortis.
Fruits, Cafe.

The following named gentlemen were among the invited guests; Rev. Hutchins Chew, Bishop of St. Philip's P. E. church, Chas. W. Anderson Esq. Toastmaster; Hon. Lemuel Ely Quigg, Bishop W. B. Derrick, Hon. Judson W. Lyons, Hon. Edward Lauterbach, Thomas A. Church, Esq., Hon. N. A. Ellsberg, Chas. T. Walker, D. D., Geo. E. Wibecan, Esq., Col. John M. Van Wormer, T. Thomas Fortune, John H. Smith, State Senator John Ford, Assemblyman Gherardi Davis. Mr. Chas. W. Anderson, the silver tongued orator of Gotham, acted as toastmaster and spoke eloquently of the necessity of reorganizing the colored republicans of the Borough of Manhattan. The Hon. Edward Lauterbach's speech was the hit of the evening, responding to the toast "The duty of the election district workers." He deplored the habit of talking about the loyalty of black republicans as a thing belonging to the party by right. He said they were the most loyal of all classes of republicans because they were the most truly American, and Americanism was synonymous with republicanism. The speech was most heartily applauded. Col. W. A. Bates of the 71st N. Y. Regiment paid an handsome tribute to the 9th and 10th Cavalries. He said they were the best soldiers in the army and that all of the officers in camp during the late war would admit this in private, even if they didn't have the courage to say so in public.

Geo. E. Wibecan of Brooklyn, Senators N. A. Ellsberg, John Ford, Assemblyman Gherardi Davis, and Mr. Judson Lyons also spoke. Assemblyman Fallows, Judge James A. Blanchard, ex Judge Job Hedges, Col. John M. Van Wormer, Aldermen Parsons, Matthews and Oatman and many other white leaders were present. A strong set of resolutions indorsing Lt. Governor Woodruff for the Vice Presidential nomination were passed with a whoop.

A letter was read from Senator Thomas C. Platt, which was a bell-ringer and elicited much applause; also the letters from Lt. Gov. Woodruff, Sec'y. Foot, and Governor Roosevelt. The Governor's letter read in part as follows:—

"My Dear President Butler:—I wish greatly that I could be present at your dinner on January 2, but I am already engaged for that evening. I beg to extend to you my most cordial and earnest good wishes. Such associations as yours are a real help to the republican party. I am glad to see that Mr. Chas. W. Anderson, one of the public servants under me who has given most satisfaction to the public generally and to myself, is to be with you. ***** Hoping that you will have a most successful dinner, with hearty regard, I am faithfully yours,

THEODORE ROOSEVELT."

Mr. Judson Lyons' speech was a review of Negro appointments by this administration, and was highly eulogistic of President McKinley. The speech was not received with discoverable enthusiasm, as most of his Afro-American hearers remembered that Mr. McKinley has appointed but one man to a \$500 consulate from this state and he a man who was not identified with the Negro race or any Negro organization such as was giving this dinner. Mr. Lauterbach in his speech had bravely spoken of the failure of the party in Congress to make an attempt to stop lynchings and separate car legislation and disfranchisement, and the guests around the festive board were not quite prepared to hear a defense of the President before he was assailed or praised for the appointment of Negroes to office from the South, where no republican votes are counted, to the exclusion of the voters who elect in this pivotal state, where they hold the balance of power. Mr. Fortune of the Age was not present; but school commissioners



MR. GEORGE E. WIBEKAN.

Scottron of Brooklyn was, as were also a number of representative colored republicans of Brooklyn.

One of the diners contrasting the speech of Mr. Lyons with the letter of Governor Roosevelt, said: "There are two office holders here—Lyons and Anderson. The one comes from Washington to praise the man who appointed him, and pay him all sorts of handsome compliments. The other sits still and hears the secretary read off an indorsement of himself by the man under whom he serves.

FLASHES.

The white speakers, especially Mr. Lauterbach and Senator Ellsberg were lavish in their praise of Toastmaster Charles W. Anderson, saying that the

white republicans could not produce a more eloquent, gracious and tactful presiding officers.

President Butler never looked more handsome than he did in evening dress. He is naturally a fine looking man. He was the cynosure of all eyes. Major Pool and Archie Roberts, were in their glory. The Major's eyes scintillated like diamonds. When Mr. Lauterbach was speaking, the Major who is a warm friend of Mr. Lauterbach's nudged the boys as much as to say he's all right. Listen to him.

Lieut. Governor Woodruff has a host of friends among the loyal colored voters of New York and when the resolutions favoring his nomination to the Vice Presidency were offered and were adopted, there was the wildest enthusiasm manifested by those present, and the resolutions went through with a rush. Somebody wanted to know what was the matter with Timothy and a hundred voices rolled back the answer "He's all right!" And he is too.

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